



## Week #2: Growing Together

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1 Peter 2:1-3 (NLT)

- **Grow** \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>4</sup> You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.

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1 Peter 2:4-5 (NLT)

- **Grow** \_\_\_\_\_ on Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>6</sup> As the Scriptures say,

*"I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem,  
chosen for great honor,  
and anyone who trusts in him  
will never be disgraced."*

<sup>7</sup> Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him,

*"The stone that the builders rejected  
has now become the cornerstone."*

<sup>8</sup> And,

*“He is the stone that makes people stumble,  
the rock that makes them fall.”*

*They stumble because they do not obey God’s word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.*

1 Peter 2:6-8 (NLT)

- **Grow or** \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>9</sup> *But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.*

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Once you received no mercy;  
now you have received God’s mercy.”*

1 Peter 2:9-10 (NLT)

- **Grow into who** \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>11</sup> *Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*

1 Peter 2:11-12 (NIV)

- **Grow in** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_.

### Discussion Questions

1. What behaviors, attitudes, or speech do you need to let go of to grow in your spiritual journey?
2. How does the image of Christ as the cornerstone influence your understanding of your role within the Church?
3. How does recognizing yourself as part of a chosen people and a royal priesthood influence your sense of purpose and identity in daily life?
4. Reflect on a recent situation where you had to exercise self-control. What strategies or practices helped you succeed, and how can you apply them in other areas of your life?

### Recommended Resources

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- **Grow in self-control and good deeds.**

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